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The entries for the next meeting of the National Live Stock association show a full field and no favorites. Omaha ought to land it—if not this time, certainly next time.

A committee of the Methodist church is now engaged in revising the hymnal. Up to the present time the illustrious Prof. Triggs has not been requested to act with the committee.

Save money by making your holiday purchases in Omaha. You will find no better bargains anywhere than those offered by Omaha merchants in the advertising columns of The Bee.

A Kansas City man who confessed that he had been following the trade of burglary for thirteen years received a fifteen-year sentence. Two years extra is certainly not ungracious.

John Redell is reinstated for the moment as chief, but only long enough to have a claim for seven months' back pay, which his lawyers will take pleasure in absorbing as soon as the money is in sight.

Queen Wilhelmina might adopt the expedient tried with eminent success by others. If the family jars are to keep up and the servants continue to gossip, let her dismiss them and do her own housework for a time.

The Colombian government now holds Colon with a firm grip. Out of respect for our readers we shall refrain from making the interrogation point that the period ought soon to be reached to put a full stop to the troubles in that vicinity.

Now that the umpire is out of reach for the season and the ball players are taking a rest, the magnates are making all the noise. The game must be kept before the public during the cold months, even if a dozen leagues must be born and killed off in the interval.

A Sioux City clairvoyant who advertises to locate missing treasure for other people is asking the police to assist her in recovering money stolen from her apartments. She is evidently in the same class with the doctor who refuses to take his own medicine.

BILLS RELATING TO TRUSTS.

Representative Littlefield of Maine, one of the best constitutional lawyers in congress and an earnest advocate of trust regulation, has introduced in the house of representatives two bills relating to trusts. One of these measures provides for publicity, requiring all corporations engaged in interstate commerce to file returns with the secretary of the treasury declaring their true financial condition and capital stock and imposing a tax upon such as have outstanding capital stock unpaid in whole or in part.

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